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**Sgt. Maj. Adams** entered the Marine Corps in August of 1976. Once completing his training in communications, Sgt. Maj. Adams reported to 6th Marine Regiment Camp Lejeune, NC.

In 1977 Sgt. Maj. Adams reported to the 8th Tank Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Marine Division, Rochester NY, and was assigned to the Communications platoon.

In 1982, Sgt. Maj. Adams was assigned to the MTU-NY5 (Mobilized Training Unit). His mission was to train fellow Marines in the deployment and maintenance of MILES (Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement Systems).

In 1990, Sgt. Maj. Adams was reassigned to the 8th Tank Battalion as the Battalion Administration Chief. His first task was to activate 1016 Marines from the 8th Tank Battalion in preparation of Desert Shield/ Storm. In 1992, Sgt. Maj. Adams was promoted to First Sergeant.

In 1994, Sgt. Maj. Adams was assigned as a staff member to the Commanding General, 4th Marine Division. Sgt. Maj. Adams was promoted to Sgt. Maj. in 1995.

In 2001, Sgt. Maj. Adams was assigned to Reserve Affairs, Washington, DC. His duties included reviewing deployment of Reserve forces and its impact. Also, he assisted in establishing the M4L (Marine for Life) Program, and transitioning Marines back into the Civilian Community.

In July 2003, Sgt. Maj. Adams retired from the Marine Corps at the Iwo Jima Memorial in Washington, DC. Sgt. Maj. Adams is married to Deborah Adams and they have a daughter, Brianna.

**Priscilla Imburgia** has been involved in the community with particular attention to the veterans as long as she can remember. Her volunteer activities started even before her first year of now 52 years as a member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

As a youth she frequently attended Canandaigua Hospital to dance and participate in other recreational activities with veterans. For many years she has served the nearly one million members of the American Legion Auxiliary at the national level, holding positions including Chairman of Public Relations, Legislation, and Community Service.

For the past 15 years Priscilla served as a member of Rochester's Veterans Outreach Center (VOC), Board of Directors. Alongside fellow board members, she has helped champion the growth and expansion of the VOC from a single house with counseling to the multiple programs of Transitional Housing, Permanent Housing, Training Service Center, Case Management, Alternative to Incarceration Program, the Flag Store, and much more. In 2003, the VOC decided to take on "Operation Welcome Home" (OWH) as one of its programs.

Married over 40 years to Frank S. Imburgia Sr., they reside on a private horse farm in Pittsford. Priscilla says, "It's the duty of every veteran to stand tall and by every other veteran. But it is the solemn promise of a nation to not forget, and to care for, those veterans who stood ready and willing to face any enemy for us. I am committed to that promise. For everything good about our way of life, you owe thanks to a veteran."



# ***Armed Forces Day Luncheon Program***

## ***Musical Prelude***

198th Army Band

## ***Sounding of Assembly***

## ***Posting of the Colors***

Multi Service Color Guard

## ***Singing of the National Anthem***

Sgt. Gina Herbst, 198th Army Band

## ***Invocation***

Chaplain (Lieutenant Colonel) Robert F. Searle, USAR

## ***POW/MIA Remembrance***

Bruce Dunn, Co-Chairman - Armed Forces Luncheon Committee

Dr. Betty Perkins-Carpenter, Korean War Veterans

## ***Taps***

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Sgt. Gina Herbst, 198th Army Band

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Major General Norbert J. Rappl, USA - Retired

## ***Greetings***

Honorable Maggie Brooks, County Executive, Monroe County

Honorable Robert Duffy, Mayor, City of Rochester

## ***Cake Cutting Ceremony***

Sergeant Major Hank Adams, USMC-Ret

## ***Guest Speakers***

Sergeant Major Hank Adams, USMC-Ret

## ***Closing Remarks***

Major General Norbert J. Rappl, USA - Retired

## ***Retiring of the Colors***

Multi Service Color Guard

## ***Benediction***

Chaplain (Lieutenant Colonel) Robert F. Searle, USAR

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14	Tol	Col	Col	Col	Col	TOL
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21	TOL	TOL	COL	COL	COL	SWB
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<b>AUG./ SEPT.</b>						
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# Armed Forces Day History



On August 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy and Air Force Days. The single-day celebration stemmed from the unification of the Armed Forces under one department -- the Department of Defense. Each of the military leagues and orders was asked to drop sponsorship of its specific service day in order to celebrate the newly announced Armed Forces Day. The Army, Navy and Air Force leagues adopted the newly formed day. The Marine Corps League declined to drop support for Marine Corps Day but supports Armed Forces Day, too.



In a speech announcing the formation of the day, President Truman "praised the work of the military services at home and across the seas" and said, "it is vital to the security of the nation and to the establishment of a desirable peace." In an excerpt from the Presidential Proclamation of Feb. 27, 1950, Mr. Truman stated: "Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 20, 1950, marks the first combined demonstration by America's defense team of its progress, under the National Security Act, towards the goal of readiness for any eventuality. It is the first parade of preparedness by the unified forces of our land, sea, and air defense".



The theme of the first Armed Forces Day was "Teamed for Defense." It was chosen as a means of expressing the unification of all the military forces under a single department of the government. Although this was the theme for the day, there were several other purposes for holding Armed Forces Day. It was a type of "educational program for civilians," one in which there would be an increased awareness of the Armed Forces. It was designed to expand public understanding of what type of job is performed and the role of the military in civilian life. It was a day for the military to show "state-of-the-art" equipment to the civilian population they were protecting. And it was a day to honor and acknowledge the people of the Armed Forces of the United States.



According to a New York Times article published on May 17, 1952: "This is the day on which we have the welcome opportunity to pay special tribute to the men and women of the Armed Forces ... to all the individuals who are in the service of their country all over the world. Armed Forces Day won't be a matter of parades and receptions for a good many of them. They will all be in line of duty and some of them may give their lives in that duty."



The first Armed Forces Day was celebrated by parades, open houses, receptions, and air shows. In Washington D.C., 10,000 troops of all branches of the military, cadets, and veterans marched past the President and his party. In Berlin, 1,000 U.S. troops paraded for the German citizens at Temple of Airfield. In New York City, an estimated 33,000 participants initiated Armed Forces Day "under an air cover of 250 military planes of all types." In the harbors across the country were the famed mothballed "battlewagons" of World War II, the Missouri, the New Jersey, the North Carolina, and the Iowa, all open for public inspection. Precision flying teams dominated the skies as tracking radar were exhibited on the ground. All across the country, the American people joined together to honor the Armed Forces.